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over 500 names was submitted to the Argentine government by the three organizations on July 28, 1978. (NOTE: Embassy has been told by different sources that the Ministry of Interior has between over 5,000 to over 7,000 family disappearance reports.)

The Assembly's task force working with information supplied by the Liga and MEDH issued in early January 1979 an updated and revised list of 4,381 disappearance cases (attachment 1). This list reflects the information available to the PAHR as of November 30, 1978. A supplemental list containing an additional 116 disappearance cases was prepared in mid-January 1979 (attachment 2). This supplement includes all information available as of January 1, 1979.

PAHR's statistical task force is producing a "hard list" of disappearance cases for the use of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission during its May 29-June 6, 1979 visit to Argentina.

#### Family Members of the Disappeared and Detained

Familiares de Desaparecidos and Detenidos (FDD) which receives office space and support from the Liga (an old line Argentine Communist Party organization) has prepared a list of approximately 4,500 "desaparecidos" similar to the PAHR's list (attachment 3). The criteria for inclusion of a case in the FDD and PAHR lists is that a family member or friend has personally submitted the information of disappearance and attested to its validity. We estimate that only one to two percent of the entries differ between the FDD and PAHR lists, reflecting the fact that a family has contacted one organization and not the other recently. Neither organization includes names just from newspaper accounts or from unverified lists of disappeared persons in their compilations.

#### Familiares de Desaparecidos in Rosario

This regional organization of family members of disappeared persons published in late 1978 a mimeographed newsletter which contained the names of 65 disappearance cases which occurred in the greater Rosario area (attachment 4). Twenty of these cases (31%) were not previously reported in the Embassy's files.

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Familiares de Desaparecidos de la Zone Norte de la Provincia Buenos Aires

This newly formed family organization ran a paid advertisement in "La Prensa" on December 23, 1978 listing the names of 109 disappearance cases (attachment 5). Thirty-three of these cases (30%) were not previously recorded in the Embassy's human rights data files.

Comision de Familiares de Desaparecidos de la Provincia de Cordoba

The Comision de Familiares de Desaparecidos de la Provincia de Cordoba published a paid advertisement in "La Prensa" on December 1, 1978 listing 245 disappearance cases (attachment 6). This human rights organization was founded in early 1978. Ten of the group's organizers were "abducted" in Cordoba in the austral spring of 1978 but reappeared under PEN decrees a short while later.

Mar del Plata Family Group

A group of family members from Mar del Plata took out an advertisement in "La Prensa" on December 23, 1978 captioned "Where are our Children?" (attachment 7). The advertisement listed 98 disappearance cases. Twenty-three (24%) of these cases were not previously recorded in the Embassy's files. This group meets each Thursday at a central plaza in Mar del Plata and Sunday afternoons at a local church to exchange information regarding disappearance cases.

Relatives from La Plata, Berisso and Ensenada

Eleven family members took out an advertisement in a major regional paper, "El Dia", on November 21, 1978 (attachment 8). The ad listed 193 missing persons. Sixty-five of these cases (34%) were not previously recorded in the Embassy's files.

Familiares de Desaparecidos de Tucuman

The Embassy received a visit from three mothers from this Tucuman family organization in November, 1978. The mothers presented us a faint copy of a handwritten list of 160 disappearance cases. 108 of these cases (68%) were not

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previously recorded in the Embassy's human rights data files. The mothers stated that there were about 330 disappearance cases reported to their group from the entire Province of Tucuman.

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Attachments:

1. PAHR list
2. PAHR supplement
3. FDD list
4. Rosario Group's list
5. Buenos Aires Province  
Group list
6. Cordoba Group's list
7. Mar del Plata Group's  
list
8. La Plata, Berisso and  
Ensenada Group's list

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